Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 16 Feb 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 17 Feb 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 15 Feb 2023 at 16:00 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday. High for cold and windy weather on Friday. Low for detail over the weekend.

Headline for Thursday 16 Feb 2023: Mainly dry and cold. Gales and patchy rain and snow developing in the evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 16 Feb 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Dull	Mist	Fog	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sleet	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	20%	<05%	<05%	60%	60%

Forecast for Thursday 16 Feb 2023

Weather: Variable cloud cover with the chance of drizzle or higher summit light snow in the early hours. Daylight hours will be largely dry after some early drizzle or summit light snow. Extensive low cloud at first gradually clearing away from late morning and early afternoon to leave a somewhat brighter period of weather. Thickening cloud will bring some patchy rain eastwards in the evening, briefly preceded by some snow.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%, best chance in the afternoon

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in extensive low cloud down to 400 to 700 metres at first, although Lochnagar may start off clear. Low cloud is expected to clear from the west by early afternoon with some patchy cloud above 850 metres in the afternoon. Low cloud down to 600 metres will return from the west after dark.

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Forecast for Thursday 16 Feb 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	29/35 SW	23/28 SW	19/23 SW	17/21 SW	20/25 SW	19/25 SW	24/30 SW	39/47 S	51/64 SW
900	21/27 SW	15/20 SW	13/17 SW	12/16 SW	15/20 SW	15/21 SW	17/23 SW	27/36 S	33/46 SW
600	12/22 W	8/16 SW	4/10 SW	3/8 S	7/14 SW	10/17 W	9/19 SW	17/31 SW	22/42 SW
300	5/14 W	2/8 W	1/5 W	1/4 W	3/9 SW	6/13 SW	4/11 SW	5/15 SW	12/27 SW
Glen	5/12 SW	2/8 W	1/5 NW	1/4 SW	3/8 SW	6/12 W	4/10 SW	8/18 SW	9/22 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	-2/-11	-2/-10	-2/-8	-1/-7	-1/-8	-1/-8	-1/-9	-0/-9	2/-6
900	-0/-7	-0/-6	0/-5	0/-4	1/-4	1/-4	0/-5	1/-5	4/-3
600	2/-3	2/-2	2/-0	2/0	4/1	4/0	3/-1	3/-2	5/0
300	4/2	3/2	3/2	4/3	6/4	6/4	5/3	5/3	6/3
Glen	5/3	4/2	4/2	4/3	6/5	7/6	6/4	6/3	6/4
Freezing Level*	700m	700m	900m	1000m	1000m	900m	900m	1800m	2300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Higher summit gales developing through the evening.

Forecast for Friday 17 Feb 2023

Weather: Rain for a time in the early hours, this clearing away by dawn. Then the morning and early afternoon will see frequent snow showers. Snow showers easing from mid-afternoon with drier conditions developing. A stormy day at all levels, snow will be drifting and blowing around.

Maximum wind: Westerly 50 mph with gusts to 70 mph on the tops in the morning, and gusts nearer to 80 mph or more on the very highest tops of the southern Cairngorms. Winds moderating through the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%, best chance across the Angus hills and the Ochils

Low Cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud down to 600 to 900 metres, this tending to become less extensive through the afternoon. Outside of cloud and snow expect excellent visibility with great air clarity, but poor visibility in snow.

Temperature: **Glens:** 2 Celsius rising to 7 Celsius
At 800m: 5 Celsius falling to -1 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits falling to 700 metres

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